

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



December 18, 2003

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 03/04-36

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS
COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR ASSISTANCE
EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY
AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) AND TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAMS

REFERENCE: County Fiscal Letter (CFL) No. 02/03-29, dated October 2, 2002,
County Fiscal Letter (CFL) No. 02/03-10, dated September 24, 2002,
County Fiscal Letter (CFL) No. 01/02-31, dated September 27, 2001.

This letter provides a change in assistance claiming instructions to counties for families who have reached their 60-month time limit on TANF assistance.

Federal Regulation 45 CFR 264.1(c) allows states to extend TANF-funded assistance beyond the five-year time limit for up to 20% of the State's TANF caseload. These expenditures, which are captured under Aid Code 32 (TANF Timed-Out All Families) and Aid Code 3W (Legal Immigrant Mixed Cases), are currently funded with State Maintenance of Effort dollars.

FUNDING CHANGES

Effective with the January 1, 2004 claiming month, funding for Aid Code 32 and the federally eligible costs associated with Aid Code 3W will be changed to 97.5% Federal TANF / 2.5% County consistent with the SFY 2003/04 Budget.

CLAIM FORM CHANGES

Costs reflecting the new change in funding for Aid Codes 32 and 3W will be reported on the new consolidated claim forms currently in final review for the January 2004 claiming month. Counties will be notified when the forms are available.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please submit your concerns to the CDSS assistance claims mailbox at assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov or contact the Financial Services Bureau at (916) 657-3390.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by
Marge Dillard on
December 18, 2003*

MARGE DILLARD, Chief
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